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For: CERAMIC POROUS BODY  
AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING ITS PERMEABILITY

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-182228 is enclosed, along with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevancy of the listed reference is discussed in paragraph [0003], bridging pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

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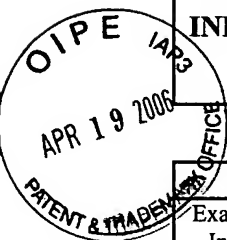
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